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FOUR MORE DEFENDANTS SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON IN TITANIC STONES STREET GANG DRUG TRAFFICKING CASE

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ANDREW L. TRAVER, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; RICHARD MEYERS, Winnebago County Sheriff; and CHET EPPERSON, Chief of the Rockford Police Department, today made the following announcement:

This week, United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard sentenced four more defendants to federal prison for their roles in a conspiracy to distribute heroin and crack cocaine. Today, Judge Reinhard sentenced **BRADFORD V. DODSON**, 27, of Rockford, to a total of 35 years in federal prison without parole for conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base ("crack"), as well as possessing a firearm during a drug trafficking crime. Yesterday, Judge Reinhard sentenced **MONTRELL McSWAIN**, 26, of Rockford, to a total of 25 years in federal prison without parole for those same offenses. Judge Reinhard also sentenced two other defendants this week for their roles in aiding and abetting the drug trafficking conspiracy. **LEE S. ALLEN**, 42, of Rockford, was sentenced to 2 ½ years in federal prison without parole, and **JAMEAH M. FLINT**, 24, of Rockford, was sentenced to 4 years in federal prison without parole. Dodson and McSwain must also serve a 10 year period of supervised release following their release from prison, while Allen and Flint must serve 5 year periods of supervised release following their release from prison.

Dodson, McSwain, and Allen were found guilty on May 22, 2007 after a six day jury trial. Flint pled guilty on May 9, 2007 to aiding and abetting the conspiracy by allowing her house to be used to mix, package, and store drugs, as well as delivering packs of drugs to various drug houses. Evidence at trial established that between at least 2001 to September 13, 2005, Dodson and McSwain conspired with others to distribute more than one kilogram of heroin, and more than 50 grams of cocaine base ("crack") in Rockford, Loves Park, and Chicago. Evidence at trial, as well as plea agreements entered in the case, established that Darrell "Duck" Davis controlled the drug trafficking activities of the Titanic Stones street gang in Rockford, also known as The Brothers. Beginning in 2001, Davis recruited several Titanic Stones gang members from Chicago to come to Rockford to assist in the sale of heroin and crack cocaine. Members of the gang arranged for houses to be rented in other person's names, usually females associated with a gang member, then used those houses as distribution centers for the sale of the drugs. The gang used firearms to protect their drugs, money, and drug houses from rival drug dealers and rival gangs. The gang also fortified the drug house doors with barrel bolts and 2" x 4" boards in order to make it more difficult for the police

and rivals to get inside. Evidence at trial established that Lee Allen fortified the doors at three of the gang's drug houses.

During the course of the conspiracy several Titanic Stones gang members were involved in shootings with rival drug dealers and gangs. Evidence at trial further established that on February 8, 2005, Dodson shot a rival at the McDonald's restaurant at Auburn Street and Central Avenue in Rockford based upon an order from Darrell "Duck" Davis, in retaliation for a home invasion that the rival had earlier committed at one of the gang's drug houses.

To date, 15 out of a total of 16 individuals charged as part of the conspiracy have been sentenced, as summarized in the following chart:

DEFENDANT	CHARGES	NON-PAROLEABLE FEDERAL SENTENCE
DARRELL D. DAVIS	 Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime 	42 YEARS
STEVEN P. EASTER	1) Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base 2) Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime	21 YEARS
AMBROSE L. JONES	1) Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base 2) Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime	12 YEARS, 8 MONTHS
ANTHONY K. GLOVER	1) Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base 2) Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime	18 YEARS
MONTRELL McSWAIN	1) Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base 2) Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug	25 YEARS

	trafficking crime	
DUPREE L. TURNER	1) Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base 2) Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime	15 YEARS, 1 MONTH
BOBBY L. HARRIS	1) Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base 2) Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime	14 YEARS
BRADFORD V. DODSON	1) Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base 2) Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime	35 YEARS
JAMAUL R. McKAY	1) Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base 2) Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime	15 YEARS
FLOYD R. MURRAY	Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base	9 YEARS, 5 MONTHS
CAMERON P. LEMON	Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base	10 YEARS
SYLVIA M. DAVENPORT	Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base	5 YEARS, 10 MONTHS
JAMEAH M. FLINT	Aiding and abetting conspiracy to distribute and	4 YEARS

	possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base	
CLINTON W. ALLEN	Aiding and abetting conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base	7 YEARS, 3 MONTHS
LEE S. ALLEN	Aiding and abetting conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base	2 ½ YEARS

The remaining defendant, Joel Turner, Jr., is in federal custody and is next due in court on November 8, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. for a status hearing before Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney. He is charged with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base, as well as possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Turner faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment if convicted. The public is reminded that Turner is presumed innocent and is entitled to a trial at which the government bears the burden of proving him guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Rockford Police Department, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, and the Rockford-Winnebago County Metro Narcotics Unit. The case is being prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorneys Michael F. Iasparro and Mark T. Karner.

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